

It is a very pretty morning,
and the sun too bright for
legible writing.

Ever Yours sincerely
Asa Gray,
Dear Prof.

Yours of 14th just received.
I will ask after Malville when
I go next to Garden of
Plants. When I have nearly
done, but meanwhile,
if you bid it, let me know
- tho. I shall get it of
Cottin when he returns to
Paris. But kindly give me
some indication of the amount,
whether 100 or 1000 francs, etc.
I shall attend to it with pleasure -
Wm. J. L. L.

Many thanks for attending to
the package of Lupinus - and
for all your kind helpings.

A.G.

Hôtel de l'Athénée, Paris

Nov. 20, 1868

Dear Prof. Rivers.

I have looked up the
Bomarea of Petit-Thouars -
the original specimens of
Thouars and of another collector.

It is a genuine Bomarea -
velacea. Calyx of 5 separate
unequal, very imbricated
sepals, covered with the fel-
vous down so common in the
order. Bomarea filvosa - hirsuta
outside astivatione non plicata,
therefore like Cressa.

In all the specimens the
inflorescence is ^{as if} ~~great~~ termi-
nal. No fruit seen. I
have not soaked nor exam-
ined the growing ovary.

Not necessary - as I made
lay out a good specimen
for Kew, which he prom-
ises to send over by Triana

There is another species -
(as I doubt not, Mr. Bory de
Saïpe did not seem to appreciate the
difference), from Madag.
Norse-berg near Madagascar
cul. Richard, - also laid out
for Kew. It may be known
by the more oblong leaves
rounded or subcordate at base,
and venation looser and not so
nervose, and the inflorescence
plainly axillary, tho. quasi-
terminal. If that there
is fruit, a capsule, not
in good state. I saw no
seed - - apparently the ordinary

condurularia, prod.

Please show this to Mr.
Bentham - to whom I
would say that I have
received the expected fragment
from Brongniart - but
Decaisne - with whom I
passed an hour yesterday,
said nothing of it.

Tell Dr. Hooker that I
have nothing yet from
him; there was some com-
mission for me to execute.

As some of us, if not
all, will be here until
Wednesday, would you
say to Dr. Hooker that
letters ^{prold} to Monday
evening would be sure
reach me here.